

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been allowed. Claims 7 and 9 have been amended to rewrite the claims in independent form and claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, and 11 have been canceled without prejudice, leaving claims 1, 4, 7, and 9 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

In preparing this response, Applicant's attorney spoke with Examiner Magee regarding claim 4. Examiner Magee agreed that because claim 1 was allowed, that claim 4 was also an allowable claim, as claim 4 includes all of the limitations of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection as to claim 4 be withdrawn.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 7 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has rewritten claims 7 and 9 in independent form. As such, Applicant submits that claims 7 and 9 are now allowable claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicant's attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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